

## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 757

By Williams

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Evan Ellis for earning a scholarship to the prestigious Yale University.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those students who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as exemplary community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Mr. Evan Ellis, who has used his phenomenal athletic and academic accomplishments to garner a scholarship to the illustrious Yale University; and

WHEREAS, he thoroughly impressed the Yale football coaches and recruiters with his stellar abilities during his participation in Yale's full-contact football summer camp, leading Assistant Head Coach Anthony Reno to offer Mr. Ellis a scholarship to attend the institution; and

WHEREAS, he will play for the world's most historic football team, as it was at Yale that Walter Camp invented the sport in 1879

WHEREAS, Mr. Ellis, in recognition of his unflagging commitment to athletic excellence as a lineman for the Elizabethton High School (EHS) varsity football team, has earned a multitude of accolades for his performance, including the 2007 EHS varsity football team captainship, four EHS Most Outstanding Offensive Lineman Awards, two All Mountain Lakes Conference Offensive Lineman Awards, and nomination to the All Northeast Tennessee First Team Offense and the All Carter County Co-Lineman of the Year First Team Offense. He also gained distinction as the fifty-first best prospect in the state according to Rivals.com, was named a preseason Class 4A All State athlete by Murphy Fair and Varsity Sports Media Publications, and was recognized as one of Vandy Mania's Super 44 List's best prep football players; and

WHEREAS, he brings further renown upon himself for his admirable academic prowess, evidenced by his capture of several Scholastic Athlete Awards, first place in a regional math

competition, and recognition as a member of the United States Army Preseason All-Academic Team; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ellis continuously demonstrates his considerable leadership skills and laudable character in the offices of Student Government Representative, President of the EHS Service Club, President of the EHS National Honor Society, Captain of the Mock Trial Team, Elizabethton Ambassador to the Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership Seminar at David Lipscomb University, Tennessee Boys State delegate, Boys State Gubernatorial delegate, member of the EHS Student Council, member of the Elizabethton/Carter County Chamber of Commerce Youth Leadership, member of the EHS Choral Club and Advanced Men's Ensemble, and member of the EHS yearbook staff; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his outstanding performance on the football field, in the classroom, and as a member of a variety of scholastic organizations, he still finds time to lend his talents to such notable causes as the Boys and Girls Club Winning Edge Football Camp, the Appalachian Christian Camp, the EHS Football Fund Drive, the Erin Fund for Cystic Fibrosis, Elizabethton Early Learning Cyclone Center, the Angel Food Distribution, Special Olympics of Tennessee, and Spoonful of Love; and

WHEREAS, these noteworthy efforts and qualities earned Mr. Ellis the Star Character Athlete Award, the Tri-Cities.com Student of the Week for Community Service and Excellence in the Classroom Award, and inclusion in *Who's Who Among American High School Students*; and

WHEREAS, he evinces his devout religious faith as an active member of Blue Springs Christian Church, where he sings and participates in the youth group; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ellis epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Mr. Ellis for his accomplishments and his dedication to the state of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Evan Ellis upon his receipt of

scholarship from Yale University, a truly stellar accomplishment, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.